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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIM TAE CHUNG AFFAIR

REF: A. TOKYO 11745;B. TOKYO 11785; C. SEOUL 6175;

D. SEOUL 6145

1. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER INCREASINGLY CORROSIVE EFFECT KIM TAE CHUNG CASE IS HAVING ON JAPANESE INTERNAL SITUATION AND ON ROK/JAPAN RELATIONS. FURTHER DETERIORATION IN THIS SITUATION WOULD POSE CLEAR THREAT TO OVERALL US INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY JAPANESE WILLINGNESS OR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN DEFENSE OF ROK POSITION IN FORTHCOMING UNGA DEBATE. PENDING ABSENCES FROM JAPAN OF PRIMIN AND FONMIN FOR EUROPEAN TOUR CLEARLY ADD NOTE OF URGENCY TO ACHIEVEMENT OF SOLUTION.

2. AMB INGERSOLL SHOULD THEREFORE INFORM HOGEN IN RESPONSE HIS REQUEST CONTAINED REF A THAT FONMIN KIM YONG SIK

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INTENDS VISIT WASHINGTON OVER WEEKEND AND THAT ACTING

SECRETARY RUSH AND UNDERSECRETARY PORTER WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PLANNED SOCIAL OCCASIONS TO REQUEST THAT HE CONVEY OUR CONCERNS TO HIGHEST LEVELS HIS GOVT. THESE APPROACHES WILL PRIMARILY REFLECT THREAT TO US INTERESTS AND TO OUTCOME OF DEBATE ON KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA. GIVEN FUZZINESS OF JAPANESE ON SOME POINTS, WE WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO CONVEY JAPANESE THINKING TO KIM EXCEPT IN MOST GENERAL

WAY, NOR TO SUPPORT JAPANESE POSITION EXCEPT TO STATE THAT TWO PARTIES TO THIS DISPUTE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SOLUTION WHICH SATISFIES JAPANESE.

3. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, THAT ANYTHING WE MAY SAY TO KIM WILL BE MORE THAN marginally USEFUL, GIVEN HIS PERIPHERAL POSITION IN THIS AFFAIR AND WELL KNOWN RELUCTANCE OF EVEN MOST SENIOR KOREAN OFFICIALS TO GIVE UNWELCOME ADVICE TO PRESIDENT PARK, WITH WHOM ULTIMATE DECISION LIES. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH PARK IN MATTERS OF THIS KIND LEADS US TO BELIEVE EARLY DECISION POSSIBLE (BUT BY NO MEANS ASSURED) ONLY IF PRESIDENT IS APPROACHED DIRECTLY BY ENVOY FROM HIGHEST GOJ LEVEL. AMB. INGERSOLL MAY THEREFORE INFORM HOGEN THAT IF JAPANESE FEEL THEIR SITUATION AND THEIR ABILITY TO GIVE ROK FULL SUPPORT IN UN REQUIRES ACTION OF THIS KIND (I.E., SPECIAL ENVOY FROM HIGHEST GOJ LEVEL), WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER FOLLOW UP WITH EFFORT OF OUR OWN IN SEOUL. AGAIN, HOWEVER, WE COULD NOT ENDORSE SPECIFICS OF ANY JAPANESE DEMANDS FOR SATISFACTION BUT WOULD HAVE TO LIMIT OURSELVES TO CONCERNS BEARING ON US INTERESTS.

4. FOR SEOUL: DEEPLY APPRECIATE EFFORTS YOU HAVE MADE TO DATE TO FACILITATE ROK/JAPAN DIALOGUE. WE WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER USHIROKU'S LATEST APPROACH TO PRIME M-NI TER WILL HAVE USEFUL EFFECT. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON APPROACH OUTLINED PRECEDING PARAGRAPH.

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